

Please take a few minutes to complete this survey and return it before **November 21st** by one of the following methods:

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Weare, NH 03281
- **Fax:** 603-529-4554
- **Collection Boxes:** Town Library & Town Hall Clerk's Office



Weare Master Plan Update

Planning Board, Town of Weare, NH

Master Plan Survey

The Town of Weare is beginning a planning process to guide the future growth and development of Weare over the next decade. What should the Town preserve? What should the Town change? What do you want Weare to be like in the future? With the assistance of the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission, the Planning Board will be developing a new Master Plan for Weare. We need your participation - your knowledge, experience and visions for the town - in this survey and in future public planning events. The Master Plan is about you and your family, your Town, and your future. Please participate and complete this survey.

RESPONDENT PROFILE

1. Are you a ___ resident, ___ business owner, or ___ both a resident and owner of a Weare business?
2. If you are a resident, what part of town do you live in? ___ Village Center ___ East Weare ___ South Weare ___ West Weare ___ North Weare. If the part of town you live in has a name, what is it?

3. If you are a business owner, on what street is your business located? _____
4. Do you own ___ or rent your home ___?
5. What type of housing do you live in? ___ Single-family home ___ Two-family home ___ Multi-family home/apartment ___ Manufactured home ___ Other (please describe: _____).
6. How long have you lived in Weare? Number of years ___? Number of months ___?
7. How long do you plan to stay in Weare? Number of years ___? Number of months ___?
8. What is your age group? ___ 20 or under ___ 21-34 ___ 35-44 ___ 45-64 ___ 65 or over
9. How many adults are in your household? ___ one ___ two ___ three ___ four or more
10. Please indicate the highest level of education for each adult? ___ High School ___ College no degree ___ Associate's Degree ___ Bachelor's Degree ___ Master's Degree ___ Doctoral Degree
11. How many children or teenagers are in your household; what age groups are they in?
_____ Number of children? _____ Ages?

TRANSPORTATION (Automobile, Bicycle, Pedestrian)

12. Please respond to the following questions by writing a specific road or intersection in the space below:
Which road or intersection in town...
 - a) poses the most serious threat to safety? _____
 - b) has too much traffic, considering its design and surrounding setting? _____
 - c) requires the most aesthetic improvement? _____
13. What in your opinion is the most pressing transportation problem facing Weare? (please describe)

GENERAL ISSUES

14. Please rank the top five general issues that must be addressed in Weare over the next 5 years (where “1” is the top priority, “2” is the next most important priority, and so on).

Please rank only five issues.

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tax burden | <input type="checkbox"/> Preserving agricultural lands |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Affordable housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Protecting open space |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attracting new business | <input type="checkbox"/> Protecting drinking water quality and supply |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Improvement to Route 114 | <input type="checkbox"/> Protecting historic properties and sites |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational opportunities | <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic control and improvements |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Amount and location of new development | <input type="checkbox"/> Preserving educational quality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New or upgraded town facilities
(other than schools) | <input type="checkbox"/> Protection of the Piscataquog River and other
streams and lakes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Town Planner | <input type="checkbox"/> Development of trails |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Improvements to town center to create a
“town square” | <input type="checkbox"/> Road reconstruction and resurfacing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Drainage |

COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES

15. Please rank the following town facilities and services as excellent, good, adequate, or poor by circling the appropriate letter. Please indicate “don’t know” if you have no basis or experience upon which to judge the facility or service.

<u>Facilities & Services</u>	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Adequate</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
School System	E	G	A	P	DK
Fire/Rescue	E	G	A	P	DK
Police	E	G	A	P	DK
Library	E	G	A	P	DK
Recreational Areas & Facilities	E	G	A	P	DK
Recreational Programs for Seniors	E	G	A	P	DK
Recreational Programs for Youths	E	G	A	P	DK
Road Maintenance & Reconstruction	E	G	A	P	DK
Transfer Station & Recycling	E	G	A	P	DK
Building Inspections/Code Enforcement	E	G	A	P	DK
Land Use Planning	E	G	A	P	DK
Health & Welfare	E	G	A	P	DK
Animal Control	E	G	A	P	DK
Tax Assessing & Collection	E	G	A	P	DK
Town Administration	E	G	A	P	DK
Cemetery Maintenance	E	G	A	P	DK
Town Forests	E	G	A	P	DK
Community Access Television	E	G	A	P	DK

LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT

16. Please indicate if you support the following methods for guiding growth and development in Weare:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe <input type="checkbox"/> No | Encourage that new residential subdivisions be clustered? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe <input type="checkbox"/> No | Put a cap on the number of residential building permits allowed each year? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe <input type="checkbox"/> No | Permit higher residential and commercial density in existing developed area to preserve rural character elsewhere? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe <input type="checkbox"/> No | Permit higher residential density as a bonus for creation of affordable housing? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe <input type="checkbox"/> No | Establish minimum lot sizes in specific residential zones? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe <input type="checkbox"/> No | Purchase open space with town funds if taxes are raised? |

NATURAL RESOURCES, OPEN SPACE AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

17. Please circle the number corresponding to the level of importance that the town should give to the following:

	Very Important			Unimportant	
Protect drinking water supply	5	4	3	2	1
Protect aquifers	5	4	3	2	1
Protect surface water (lakes and ponds) quality and quantity	5	4	3	2	1
Protect rivers and streams through riparian buffers	5	4	3	2	1
Identify and protect prime wetlands	5	4	3	2	1
Protect floodplains and reduce flood hazards	5	4	3	2	1
Protect hillsides and steep slopes (greater than 25%)	5	4	3	2	1
Ban ridgeline development	5	4	3	2	1
Protect views of hills and mountain sides	5	4	3	2	1
Preserve forest land through conservation easements	5	4	3	2	1
Protect open space through fee simple purchase of land	5	4	3	2	1
Preserve high quality prime agricultural lands	5	4	3	2	1
Protect wildlife corridors and habitats through greenways	5	4	3	2	1

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

18. Please circle the number corresponding to the level of importance that the town should give to the following economic development goals:

	Very Important			Unimportant	
Attract new office development	5	4	3	2	1
Attract new retail development	5	4	3	2	1
Attract new light industrial development	5	4	3	2	1
Develop new industrial park(s) in town	5	4	3	2	1
Ensure that there is sufficient land available for commercial and industrial development	5	4	3	2	1
Identify in advance locations for new commercial and industrial development	5	4	3	2	1
Expand the role of the Weare Economic Development Committee to retain existing and attract new businesses to town	5	4	3	2	1

19. Is there a type of retail business, industry or service that does not exist in Weare that you wish were available? ____ Yes ____ No If yes, what kind? _____

HOUSING AND ZONING

20. What type of housing would you like to see Weare encourage? (where "1" is top priority, "2" is the next most important priority, and so on) ____ Single-family ____ Two-family (duplex)
 ____ Multifamily (3-4 units) ____ Multifamily (5+ units) ____ Elderly Housing ____ Manufactured Housing
 ____ Townhouses/Condos ____ Conservation subdivisions (homes on small lots remaining land left as protected open space)
21. Does Weare need affordable housing, and if so where and what type? _____
22. Do you believe the Town's Zoning Ordinance is working well? ____ Yes ____ No (if not what's wrong and what improvements are needed?) _____
23. Do you believe the land in Town is adequately zoned? ____ Yes ____ No (if not what's wrong and what needs to be changed?) _____



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VISIONS, GOALS, OBJECTIVES

24. If you had to choose one area in town to encourage business development and one area to encourage residential development, where would these areas be and why?

Business development area: _____

Residential development area: _____

25. If the Town could purchase one area for permanent protection against development, what or where would it be and why? _____

26. What's the BEST thing about Weare? _____

27. What's the WORST thing about Weare? _____

28. If you could identify one vision for Weare what would it be? _____

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